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TAGS: ECON, CA  
SUBJECT: CANADIAN UNEMPLOYMENT RATE UNCHANGED IN MAY.

1. SUMMARY. SEASONALLY ADJUSTED UNEMPLOYMENT RATE WAS 8.6 PERCENT IN MAY, UNCHANGED FROM LEVEL OF PREVIOUS TWO MONTHS. TOTAL LABOR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT ROSE. UNEMPLOYMENT RATE INCREASED FOR WOMEN AND DECLINED FOR MEN. PARTICIPATION RATE DECLINED FOR PRIME AGED MALES AND INCREASED FOR OTHER AGE/SEX GROUPS. UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FELL IN MAJORITY OF PROVINCES. RATIO OF EMPLOYMENT TO ACTIVE POPULATION INCREASED. NON-SEASONALLY ADJUSTED UNEMPLOYMENT RATE WAS 8.4 PERCENT COMPARED WITH 9.3 PERCENT IN APRIL. END SUMMARY.

2. ACCORDING TO JUNE 13 STATCAN RELEASE, SEASONALLY ADJUSTED UNEMPLOYMENT RATE WAS 8.6 PERCENT IN MAY, UNCHANGED FROM LEVEL OF PREVIOUS TWO MONTHS. LABOR FORCE EXPANDED IN MONTH BY 41,000 TO 11 MILLION. EMPLOYMENT ROSE BY 27,000 TO 10 MILLION, WHILE UNEMPLOYMENT INCREASED BY 14,000 TO 949,000. FOLLOWING SMALL DECLINE IN MAY, AGGRE-  
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GATE PARTICIPATION RATE ROSE BY 0.2 PERCENTAGE POINTS TO 62.5 - A NEW HIGH. SEASONALLY ADJUSTED RATIO OF EMPLOYMENT TO ACTIVE POPULATION INCREASED BY 0.1 PERCENTAGE POINTS TO 57.1.

3. UNEMPLOYMENT RATE INCREASED FOR WOMEN OF ALL AGES, WAS CONSTANT FOR PRIME AGE MALES AND FELL FOR MALES UNDER

25 YEARS OF AGE. PARTICIPATION RATE INCREASED FOR ALL

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AGE/SEX GROUPS WITH EXCEPTION OF PRIME AGE MALES.

4. MAJORITY OF PROVINCES EXPERIENCED DECLINE IN UNEMPLOYMENT RATE. RATE IN NEWFOUNDLAND LEAPED 1.6 PERCENTAGE POINTS TO 17.9 PERCENT. RATE INCREASED BY 0.3 PERCENTAGE POINTS TO 11.5 PERCENT IN QUEBEC AND BY 0.1 PERCENTAGE POINTS TO 7.5 PERCENT IN ONTARIO (SEE TABLE, PARA. 7).

5. IN TWELVE MONTHS TO MAY, LABOR FORCE GREW BY 3.5 PERCENT, EMPLOYMENT BY 2.8 PERCENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT BY 13 PERCENT. AGGREGATE PARTICIPATION RATE ROSE BY 0.9 PERCENTAGE POINTS OVER THIS PERIOD. UNEMPLOYMENT RATE IN MAY, 1977 STOOD AT 7.9 PERCENT.

6. ON NON-SEASONALLY ADJUSTED BASIS, UNEMPLOYMENT RATE WAS 8.4 PERCENT, COMPARED WITH 9.3 PERCENT IN APRIL AND 7.7 PERCENT IN MAY, 1977. TOTAL UNADJUSTED EMPLOYMENT WAS 10.1 MILLION AND UNEMPLOYMENT, 933,000.

7. TABLE. SEASONALLY ADJUSTED UNEMPLOYMENT RATE BY PROVINCE.

----- MAY '78 APRIL '78 MAY '77

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NEWFOUNDLAND	17.9	16.3	14.9
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	10.1	11.1	10.2
NOVA SCOTIA	10.8	11.0	10.5
NEW BRUNSWICK	12.9	14.0	12.5
QUEBEC	11.5	11.2	10.0

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MANITOBA	6.7	6.8	5.7
SASKATCHEWAN	5.3	5.6	4.8
ALBERTA	4.4	4.8	4.3
BRITISH COLUMBIA	8.0	7.7	7.8
CANADA	8.6	8.6	7.9
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